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SUBJ: COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO TAX VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS

REF: (A) STATE 170962, (B) DUBLIN 1355, (C) DUBLIN 1368

1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED FROM AGRICULTURE MINISTER CLINTON LETTER IN REPLY TO REPRESENTATIONS MADE TO HIM BY AGRICULTURE ATTACHE JULY 13. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MINISTER'S REPLY:

"I HAVE TAKEN CAREFUL NOTE OF THE VIEWS WHICH YOU CONVEYED TO ME PERSONALLY YESTERDAY ABOUT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL FOR A TAX ON DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS BUT ONE OF A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS WHICH THE COMMISSION HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PUT FORWARD FOR RESTORING EQUILIBRIUM IN THE COMMUNITY'S MILK

MARKET AND NO DOUBT THEY ARE LIKELY TO GIVE RISE TO LONG AND CONTROVERSIAL DISCUSSIONS BY MINISTERS. I SHALL, OF COURSE BEAR YOUR GOVERNMENTS VIEWS IN MIND WHEN THESE ARE DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS."

2. REPLY IS NONCOMMITTAL, AND CLINTON, WHILE INCLINED TOWARD COMMISSION PROPOSAL, WILL PROBABLY WAIT TO SEE HOW OTHER MEMBERS OF EC-9 RESPOND. CURLEY

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